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In re application: Bahrs

Serial No.: 09/431,429

Filed: October 29, 1999

For: Method and Apparatus in a Data  
Processing System for Specifying the  
Sequencing and Mediation of  
Application Components

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§ Group Art Unit: 2178  
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